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### **U.S. Embassy Assists Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary**

On May 20, staff of the United States Embassy in Freetown marked Endangered Species Day by donating over 4,780 mango, orange, grapefruit, and other native fruit seeds to a representative from Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary. The U.S. Embassy “Green Council,” which looks for ways to improve the local environment, reduce waste, and promote awareness of related issues, organized the donation in response to a request from Tacugama. The seeds will be grown into fruit trees. Some of the trees will be planted to help feed the chimpanzees living in the sanctuary while the others will be sold to help fund the activities at Tacugama. The planting of these seeds will also help to combat deforestation and climate change.

For more information on the program at Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary, please see [www.Tacugama.com](http://www.Tacugama.com).